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## TWELFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN PEACE SOCIETY.

THE Society held its twelfth anniversary at the Marlboro' Chapel, in this city, on Tuesday, the 26th of May, at 3 o'clock, P. M. The President, WILLIAM LADD, took the chair; the meeting was opened with prayer by the Rev. J. W. WARD, Abington, Mass.; after the reading of extracts from the Report, by the Corresponding Secretary, its acceptance was moved by the Rev. CALVIN DURFEE, Dedham, Mass., and seconded by Prof. HOPKINS, Williams College, and the following resolves were adopted:

1. That the disputes between governments, sincerely disposed to justice, may, like those between individuals, always be settled by a common umpire; and that pacific modes for the adjustment of international difficulties are now demanded by the advanced state of public opinion, and the multiplied ties and increased intercourse of nations.
2. That, inasmuch as powerful nations are never deterred from aggression by intimidation, the maxim, that 'the preservation of peace is best maintained by preparation for war,' is entirely false, and that all such preparation tends only to provoke, rather than repel, that enormous evil.
3. That the followers of Christ have all the moral power requisite, under God, to banish war from every Christian land, and are under the most solemn obligations to use without delay the means indispensable for this purpose.
4. That the sentiment called *national honor*, which creates a fancied necessity for war, even when its uselessness and impolicy are admitted, is a selfish, malignant pride, equally condemned by the gospel, by philosophy, and the most refined feelings of benevolence.
5. That the continuance of peace, amidst all the provocations to war, not only between our own country and England, but among the leading powers of Christendom, calls for devout gratitude to the great Ruler of nations, and proves that our labors have not been in vain, and that a change has already been effected in public opinion highly auspicious to our cause, and well calculated to encourage our hopes and efforts.

These resolves were either moved or seconded by Rev. ANDREW P. PEABODY, and S. E. COUES, Esq., Portsmouth, N. H.; Rev. RUFUS P. STEBBINS, Leominster, Mass.; WILLIAM LADD, Esq., Minot, Me.; and Messrs. AMASA WALKER, L. T. STODDARD, J. P. BLANCHARD, and W. CROWELL, Boston. Messrs. Coues, Peabody, Stebbins, Walker and Ladd addressed the meeting in able and interesting remarks; and an appeal of much pith and point was volunteered by H. C. Wright, Newburyport.

After the close of the public exercises, the Society held a meeting for its annual business, at which the officers for the ensuing year, and a committee on accounts, were appointed.